



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Gaithersburg Honors Military Personnel with Virtual Veterans Day Observance

Gaithersburg, MD (October 30, 2020) The entire community is invited to join the City of Gaithersburg in honoring and recognizing all U.S. military personnel who play an important role in safeguarding our nation with a virtual Veterans Day Observance. The pre-recorded video observance will be shared on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) on Wednesday, November 11.

The patriotic virtual ceremony will include words and music to commemorate the occasion. Mayor Jud Ashman will deliver opening remarks, Young Artist Award honorable mention vocal winner Chloe Jackson will perform the National Anthem, and the Gaithersburg High School Jazz Band will perform a military medley over a video montage of images of those who have served.

In addition, Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students will share statements on why they serve and Junior Mayor Hayden Sandlin will read the poem, "The Noble and the Brave," over video of past wreath laying ceremonies featuring the Goshen Mills Chapter - National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary of Foreign Wars, Post 2562, and American Legion Post 295. "Taps" will be played by Gaithersburg High School Band member Kaylee Dobbins, allowing for a moment of reflection.

For more information, please contact Dorothy Winder at 240-805-1537 or e-mail Dorothy.Winder@gaithersburgmd.gov.

In observance of Veterans Day, most City facilities will be closed on November 11, with the exception of the following:

- The Activity Center will open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Aquatic Center will open from 4 to 8:45 p.m. by [reservation only](#).
- Gaithersburg Police Department offices open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The collection of recycled materials will take place as scheduled.

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